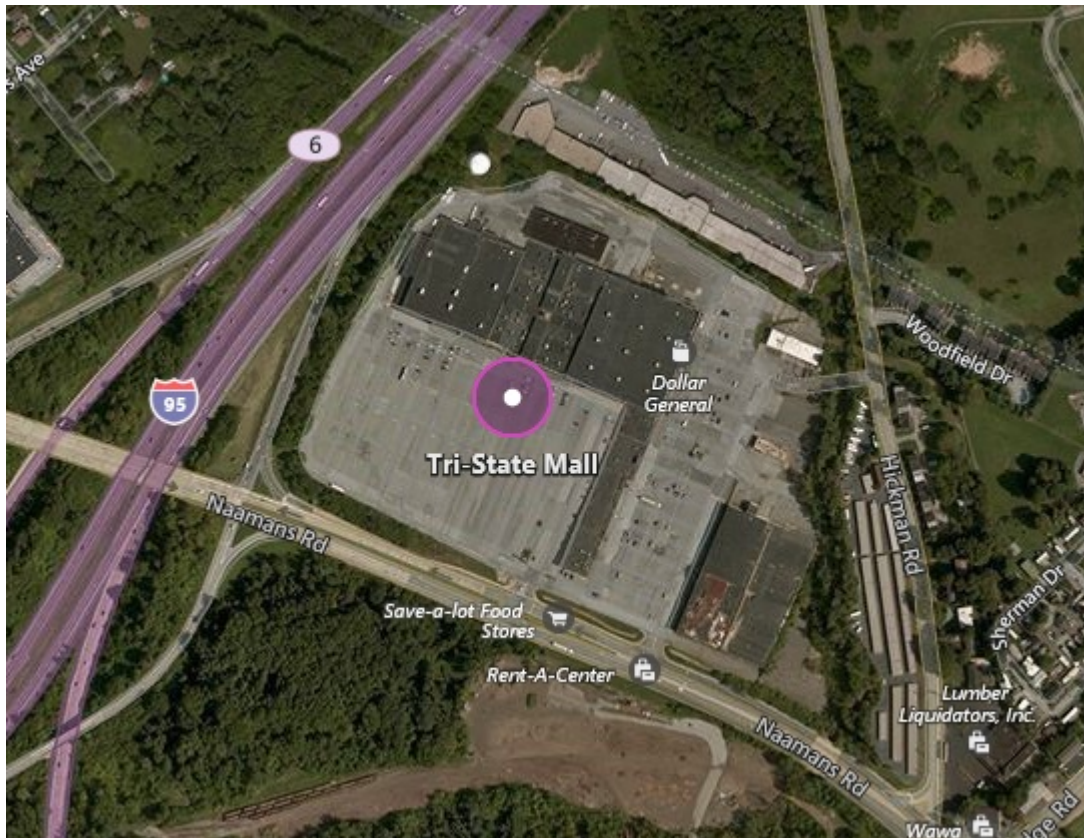


Troopers Investigating Robbery/Kidnapping- Claymont



Claymont – Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery/kidnapping that took place in the parking lot of the Tri-State Mall last week.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:00 p.m., Thursday, January 18, 2018, in the parking lot of the Tri State Mall, located at 333 Naaman's Road, Claymont. A 23 year old, Clifton Heights, Pennsylvania, man was walking to his vehicle, which was parked in the lot, when he was approached from behind, by a suspect who placed a gun in his back. Two additional suspects then approached and proceeded to remove property from his pockets, to include a cell phone, cash, jewelry, along with his car keys.

The victim was then escorted to his vehicle by the three suspects, who locked him in the trunk before driving away. The

victim estimated that he was driven around in the trunk of his vehicle for approximately 30 minutes prior to it coming to a stop. After approximately 5 minutes of the vehicle being stationery, the trunk was opened and the victim was able to get out. By the time he exited the trunk, the suspects had fled, however they did leave the keys behind. Upon driving away the victim was able to determine that he was in Chester, Pennsylvania.

The only description the victim could give of the suspects is that they were all black males. The victim did sustain a contusion to his head, for which he did not seek medical treatment.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8566

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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